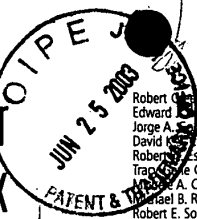




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1. Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in the Revised Format of the Pre-OG Notice Dated January 31, 2003;
2. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
3. Fifteen (15) sheets of formal drawings (FIGs 1, 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b and 4-24), approval of which is respectfully requested;
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